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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF SMITHSONIAN ORNITHOLOGIST DR. STORRS  
OLSON IN CONDUCT ORNITHOLOGICAL STUDIES ON TRINDADE

REFERENCE: STATE A-422, JANUARY, 1973; RIO DEJANEIRO  
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1. DR. STORRS OLSON, ASSOCIATE CURATOR, DIVISION OF BIRDS, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, PLANS TO CONTINUE HIS ORNITHOLOGICAL STUDIES IN BRAZIL THIS FALL WITH AN EXPEDITION TO TRINDADE. OLSON HAS RECEIVED A PERMIT FROM THE CONSELHO NACIONAL DE PESQUISAS TO CONDUCT THIS RESEARCH. A COPY OF THE REQUEST FOR THIS PERMIT WAS FORWARDED TO THE CONSULATE IN RIO IN JUNE OF 1974. THE PERMIT WAS RECEIVED IN DECEMBER 1974 BUT DUE TO SCHEDULING PROBLEMS THE EXPEDITION WHICH INCLUDES DR. RALPH SCHREIBER, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, AND A BRAZILIAN SCIENTIST WAS POSTPONED TO FALL 1975.

2. THE ONLY TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO TRINDADE IS BY  
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BRAZILIAN NAVAL VESSEL. ARRANGEMENTS WERE TO BE MADE BY

THE BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE OFFICER WHO WAS HANDLING THESE ARRANGEMENTS IS PRESENTLY OUT OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE EMBASSY HAS NO RECORDS OF THIS TRIP.

3. THE SMITHSONIAN WOULD APPRECIATE THE CONSULATE'S ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING THE APPROPRIATE NAVAL OFFICE TO ARRANGE FOR THIS TRANSPORTATION AND FOR LODGING ON THE ISLAND. OLSON UNDERSTANDS THIS IS THE DIRETORIA DE HIDROGRAFIA E NAVEGACAO.

4. OLSON WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN THE EXPEDITION AFTER MID-SEPTEMBER AND BEFORE MID-NOVEMBER. HE WOULD PREFER TO STAY ON TRINDADE FOR ONE MONTH BUT IS PREPARED TO STAY LONGER IF NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE NAVY'S SCHEDULE.

5. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE EXPEDITION IS PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

6. IF CONSULATE HAS NO OBJECTION SMI PLANS SHIP OLSON EQUIPMENT TO BRAZIL CARE OF CONSULATE.

7. SMI WOULD APPRECIATE CONSULATE'S ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE SOONEST REGARDING OLSON'S EXPEDITION. KISSINGER

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